

Cambridge City Council Notice of Council

Date: Thursday, 18 October 2018

Time: 6.00 pm

Venue: Council Chamber, The Guildhall, Market Square, Cambridge, CB2 3QJ

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Dear Councillor,

A meeting of Cambridge City Council will be held in the Council Chamber, The Guildhall, Market Square, Cambridge, CB2 3QJ on Thursday, 18 October 2018 at 6.00 pm and I hereby summon you to attend.

Dated 10 October 2018

Yours faithfully



Chief Executive

Agenda

- 1 Minutes (Pages 9 - 30)
- 2 Mayor's announcements
- 3 Public questions time
- 4 To consider the recommendations of the Executive for adoption
- 4a Cambridge Local Plan: Towards 2031 - Adoption

(Executive Councillor for Planning Policy and Transport)

Attached separately.

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| 4b | Housing Revenue Account Medium Term Financial Strategy 2018/19 (Executive Councillor for Housing) | (Pages 31 - 112) |
| 4c | Treasury Management Half Yearly Update Report 2018/19 (Executive Councillor for Finance and Resources) | (Pages 113 - 136) |
| 4d | General Fund Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) October 2018 (Executive Councillor for Finance and Resources) | (Pages 137 - 192) |
| 4e | Council Appointments to the Conservators of the River Cam (Executive Councillor for Streets and Open Spaces) | (Pages 193 - 206) |
| 5 | To consider the recommendations of Committees for adoption | |
| 5a | Licensing Committee: Statement of Gambling Principles | (Pages 207 - 348) |
| 5b | Civic Affairs Committee: Independent Remuneration Panel - Special Responsibility Allowance | (Pages 349 - 356) |
| | Recommendation to follow. | |
| 5c | Civic Affairs Committee: Process for scrutiny of the Council's budget | (Pages 357 - 372) |
| | Recommendation to follow. | |
| 6 | To deal with oral questions | |
| 7 | To consider the following notices of motion, notice of which has been given by: | |
| 7a | Councillor Johnson - Abolition of Section 21 of the Housing Act 1988 | |

This Council:

- Notes that with many people unable to afford to buy a home, the number of households nationally who are renting privately has almost doubled over the last 20 years, and it is estimated that one-third of households in Cambridge are renting privately;

- Further notes that in July of this year the Government consulted on changes to the length of fixed-term tenancies from six months to three years, whilst still permitting a tenant to end a tenancy early if they wish. The Council supports these changes as it provides greater security and peace of mind for tenants, and allows them a certain degree of flexibility in case their circumstances change;
- Regrets that the Government did not consult on reforming or abolishing Section 21 of the Housing Act 1988, which permits landlords to evict tenants at the end of a fixed-term tenancy without providing them with a reason. The Joseph Rowntree Foundation and University of Cambridge Centre for Housing and Planning Research recently estimated that 80 percent of all evictions since 2015 occurred under the provisions of Section 21 and is a major cause of homelessness in Cambridge and elsewhere;
- Acknowledges that the threat of a “no-fault eviction” causes insecurity and stress for those who rent privately and can discourage tenants from complaining about substandard housing;
- Recognises that the City Council, along with other registered social landlords, support tenants as much as possible, with eviction used always as a last resort;
- Resolves for the Leader to write to the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, asking him to abolish Section 21 of the Housing Act 1988 and to speedily implement the Government’s other proposal to extend fixed-term tenancies as the first steps to end insecurity and unfairness in the private rental sector.

7b Councillor Cantrill - People's Vote motion

In the 2016 Referendum on the European Union Cambridge voted over 73% in favour of remaining in the European Union.

The negotiations on withdrawal that have followed the national decision to leave the EU have progressed at a slow rate and the precise nature of any final deal is still uncertain with clear divisions among those who voted to leave and a lack of support among the Government’s members of parliament for the adopted ‘Chequers proposals’. It is therefore clear that there is uncertainty whether any

final deal will have wholehearted support and can be carried through Parliament.

In recent months a campaign has developed which proposes a People's Vote on any final deal (or no deal), with the alternative to remain in the EU, to ensure that the path taken has majority support among the electorate.

A number of letters/emails have been received by members asking the Council to support this initiative.

The Council notes that:

- (i) The Governor of the Bank of England has stated that the average household income in Britain is now £900 lower than that anticipated if the decision to leave the EU had not been taken.
- (ii) There are a large number of non-UK EU nationals resident in Cambridge whose life, and that of their UK-national families, has been destabilised by uncertainty. Apart from the social impacts, this has resulted in the loss of staff by local businesses and the NHS.
- (iii) Due to uncertainty about whether the deal that will be agreed with the EU will achieve a Parliamentary majority, 'no deal' appears a very credible outcome. This has been described by Chancellor Hammond as having "large fiscal consequences" and by independent observers as "overwhelmingly negative".
- (iv) All avenues currently being considered by the Government impose increasing delays for goods at our international frontiers and no facilitation would be provided for trade in services which form a major element in the local economy.
- (v) Recent opinion poll evidence has suggested an overall trend in public opinion away from support for leaving the EU and in favour of a vote on the conditions of any departure. A vote on the terms of withdrawal with the option to remain would ensure that we leave, should we do so, with wholehearted support for the actual conditions of withdrawal.
- (vi) The anticipated rapidly deteriorating economic situation if Brexit proceeds is likely to accelerate austerity, which has already caused acute problems in providing local authority services and

has severely affected local residents, in particular those in social housing or in receipt of benefits.

- (vii) Evidence of illegal overspending has been presented (and accepted by the Electoral Commission) and court challenges on the constitutional position are still continuing. A vote on the withdrawal terms would ensure that any decision is accepted as sound by both sides of the argument rather than being fought out in the courts.

The Council believes that the interests of its residents would be best protected by a People's Vote on the terms of leaving the European Union with the possibility of rescinding Article 50 and remaining in the EU.

The Council calls on the Government to abandon plans for a hard Brexit and to give Cambridge residents the opportunity to assess the original promises of a seamless Brexit with minimal impact made by the Leave campaign by giving the electorate (including resident European citizens) a vote on whether to accept the proposed withdrawal arrangements or to retain the many benefits local residents currently enjoy by staying in the European Union.

The Council should write to our two local MPs calling on them to clearly support a People's Vote.

7c Councillor Payne - Ask for Angela motion

Council welcomes the "Ask for Angela" campaign, launched in Cambridgeshire last year by the Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Partnership and the Police Constabulary as a strategy to aid both women and men in pubs and bars whose date goes seriously wrong. In particular it recognises the work done in Cambridge by Cambridge Business Against Crime and Pubwatch to engage and train staff of venues in the city. Noting that that incidence of sexual crime is no different in this area from the country as a whole, yet the campaign has yet to be called on, Council calls on officers to explore means of further boosting targeted public awareness of the campaign, calling on support as appropriate from the Cambridge Community Safety Partnership, the city's sixth forms, its two universities and Cambridge Regional College; in addition to offer support to the provision of a web-based listing of venues signed up to the scheme to provide assurance to people deciding where to meet.

7d Councillor Smith - Motion on EU Negotiations

This council notes that

- Cambridge voted overwhelmingly to remain in the European Union, but this was not reflected across the whole of the UK.
- No-one was voting for fewer rights, economic chaos, or risks to jobs, and the Brexit deal being pursued by Theresa May is a threat to jobs, freedom of movement, peace in Northern Ireland, and the NHS. It is also a threat to Cambridge and our residents, the city's Universities, health and social care locally, and our jobs and community.
- Non-UK EU citizens who moved to the UK and are long settled in Cambridge have not yet received the full assurances they need. Similarly, the rights of Cambridge residents now living and working elsewhere in the EU need the same protections they have now.
- A “no deal Brexit” should be rejected as a viable option by Parliament.

This council believes, and will continue to campaign, that:

- Should Parliament vote down a Tory Brexit or the talks end in no-deal, this would constitute a loss of confidence in the government, and that an immediate General Election should follow.
- If a general election does not follow, all options remain on the table, including the option of a public vote. If the government is confident in negotiating a deal that working people, our economy and communities will benefit from, they should not be afraid to put that deal to the public.

7e Councillor Bick - Councillors who break their connection with their council area

Noting the current experience of an elected member continuing in office despite neither living nor working in the city, Council calls for a change in national legislation so that any councillor who during his or her term of office ceases to meet the minimum qualifying conditions required for initially standing for election, excluding continued service as a councillor, would after 6 months be considered to have vacated their seat, allowing a by-election to be called. Council requests the Leader to write to the Secretary of State and Local Government Association seeking their support for this change.

7f Councillor Gillespie - Fur Free Market motion

This Council notes that:

- The United Kingdom has outlawed the farming of animals for their fur on ethical grounds since 2000 and that the use of one of the most common traps used to catch animals for their fur has been illegal for many years.
- Nonetheless fur products are imported from overseas nations, particularly China, where such bans do not operate and where there is virtually no animal welfare legislation in force.
- Real fur comes from animals raised in deplorable conditions or trapped in the wild and killed inhumanely.
- Regrettably these products are often found for sale on public markets in the UK and customers can inadvertently buy them thinking them to be made of imitation fur.

Accordingly Council resolves to:

- Prohibit the sale of any product wholly or partially made with real animal fur on Council owned land and at Council run or Council leased markets. This ban to cover such items as fur coats, vintage fur, fur shawls, garments with fur trim, fur pompom hats, and fur accessories and trinkets.
- Support the Fur Free Markets campaign of the animal welfare charity, Respect for Animals, the UK's leading anti-fur organisation, by:
 - Becoming a signatory to the initiative.
 - Seeking the advice and assistance of the charity in the enforcement of this ban.

8 Written questions

No discussion will take place on this item. Members will be asked to note the written questions and answers document as circulated around the Chamber.

Information for the public

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